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CHURCHILL REPORTS TO CABINET

Results Of Paris Parleys

London, Dec. 19.

Mr Winston Churchill, returning overnight from Paris after two-day talks with France's leaders on topics for his Washington trip next month today went into a Cabinet meeting which lasted over two hours.

The 77-year-old Prime Minister, who was accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, on his Paris visit, reported on his conversations with the French Premier, M. Rene Plevin, and the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman.

These talks were followed by a pledge, in an official communiqué last night, that Britain would associate herself as closely as possible with the proposed European army.

This may help to smooth the way for the Churchill-Truman discussions in Washington where the United States' desire to press on towards a federal Europe will be emphasized.

Britain will now await the results of the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the six European army countries in Paris immediately after Christmas.

LINE TO BE TAKEN

If a definite form for the European army emerges from this conference, the British Government can then formulate its own plans for co-operation.

The line which Mr Churchill and Mr Eden will take in Washington on the European army question must be governed in detail by the conclusion emerging from the decisive ministerial meeting in Paris.

This conference will determine whether the European army, in the form proposed by France and supported by Britain, is to become a reality.

The Cabinet will meet again tomorrow.

Mr Churchill is due to leave for America on the liner Queen Mary on December 29.

Mr Churchill has proposed no fixed agenda for Washington where his talks with President Truman will be informal.

British Helicopter Service Plans

London, Dec. 19.

The British European Airways are planning a helicopter service capable eventually of carrying 45 passengers per plane between cities and air bases in the English Channel at not less than 150 miles an hour.

Such a plan would eliminate road journeys to air terminals such as operate to and from Le Bourget in Paris and London Airport.—Reuter.



SOLDIERS MUTINY

New York, Dec. 19.

Seven Army privates were convicted of mutiny and rioting today and faced possible death penalties for leading a wild demonstration in the Army guard-house.

The Army charged that the seven led a riot of 375 prisoners in the old Governor's Island guardhouse in New York harbor on September 17. The overseer at the prison testified that the prisoners refused to work and demanded that the guards stop "treating them like dogs."—United Press.

Europe Shrouded In Fog

London, Dec. 19.

Fog covered large parts of Western Europe again today, causing traffic delays and accidents.

In the United States the cold spell has caused the death of more than 200 people.

Paris reduced traffic in misty weather, was reported today from French airports after many were closed completely yesterday because of fog.

Six aircraft managed to take off from Orly and five landed. Traffic was reduced at Le Bourget, Nice and Marseilles.

From Milan it was reported that three people lost their way and were drowned in dense fog shrouding North-West Italy today.

At Pavia, a lorry with two men plunged into a flooded ditch. Another man fell into a canal.

Fog covered Western Switzerland for the sixth consecutive day, causing widespread delay in air, rail and road traffic today.

Only one plane has landed at Geneva Airport since last Friday.

Trains last night were running up to 100 minutes late and many road accidents have been reported.

Zurich was clear of fog for the first time for several days.

From Chicago it was reported that more than 200 people have died as the result of the severe frost over the United States since last Friday.

Thousands have been injured in falls on the icy streets.

Another snow storm struck wide areas today, the centre being in the North and Central Rockies.—Reuter.

Relief Supplies By Parachute

Haifa, Dec. 19.

Mercy planes today were flying over the Holy Land, parachuting supplies to several Jewish settlements isolated and damaged by floods near the biblical Sea of Galilee.

In the north of Israel, several immigrant camps were made useless by surging floodwaters, which carried away buns and migrants' belongings. Many roads were submerged—some by over three feet of swirling torrent.

Experts estimated that the damage would reach at least \$1,000,000.

The authorities in the small northern port of Nebatiya and some settlements on the coastal plain began evacuating children, as the level of the floods rose.—Reuter.

Disarmament Commission Announced

Security Council Plus Canada

Paris, Dec. 19.

The Disarmament Commission to be set up as a result of today's recommendation of the Political Committee of the United Nations will comprise members of the Security Council and Canada.

From January 1 the Security Council will be made up of Brazil, Britain, Chile, China, France, Greece or Byelo-Russia, Holland, Pakistan, the Soviet Union, Turkey and the United States.

The Commission will set its sights on a ban on atomic weapons and securing the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only.

It will plan a draft treaty for "regulation, limitation and balanced reduction" of all armed forces and effective international control of atomic energy.

Other features of the approved Western plan are:

- 1.—Progressive disclosure and verification of all armed forces and armaments including atomic weapons.
- 2.—Effective inspection.
- 3.—An "adequate system" of safeguards for prompt detection of violations with the minimum of interference in each country.

The proposal for a world disarmament conference has made sufficient progress with its work was carried by 45 to five votes with eight abstentions.—Reuter.

POW Exchange Talks Suspended

Pan Mun Jom, Dec. 20.

The UN liaison officer, Col. James Murray, told the Communist liaison officer at Pan Mun Jom today that the UN Command is still "studying" and analyzing the POW roster, furnished by the Communists and is not ready to resume negotiations on the prisoner exchange.

Col. Murray said he could not tell the Communists when the UN delegation would be ready to resume discussions on Agents Item Four—prisoner exchange.—United Press.

SEARCH FOR GLIDER

San Francisco, Dec. 19.

The full resources of the air search and rescue services of Northern California today were organized for the search of Carl Erik Overgard, the well-known Swedish glider pilot missing for more than 24 hours after a take-off for a record-breaking altitude attempt in the sub-atmosphere thermal currents of the Sierra Nevada.

Overgard took off in a high altitude glider yesterday in an attempt to reach an altitude of 35,000 feet.

He carried a six-hour oxygen supply. His tow-plane released him at 34,000 feet and he climbed into the mist that shrouded the mountain peaks. He has not been reported since.—Reuter.

Reported Failure Of Eden-Salah Discussions

MINISTERS STAND PAT ON FIRST CONDITIONS

Cairo, Dec. 19.

The Egyptian press said today the meeting between British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Egyptian Foreign Minister Salah El Din Pasha in Paris has been a failure.

The two Foreign Ministers met on Tuesday in an attempt to find an area of agreement in the bitter British-Egyptian dispute over the Suez Canal.

The independent newspaper Al Ahran said in a Paris dispatch that neither Eden nor Salah "budded an inch" from their positions. The dispatch said Mr Eden asked the Egyptian Foreign Minister to see that guerrilla attacks on the British in the Canal Zone be stopped and that the way be prepared for negotiations.

Salah replied, the dispatch said, that immediate evacuation of British troops from the Canal area is the prime condition for restoring peace there and improving Anglo-Egyptian relations.

In Cairo, Acting Foreign Minister Ibrahim Farag was quoted as saying his recent talks with U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery concerned the question of Middle East defence. The U.S., Britain, France and Turkey have announced plans to go ahead with a defence Command setup, despite Egypt's rejection of a bid to join. Newspapers quoted Farag as commenting that Middle East defence should be undertaken exclusively by the Middle East countries.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister today dispatched to Cairo a detailed report of his conversations last night with Mr Anthony Eden, for consideration and possible response by his government, it was officially learned.

The hour-long discussion of last night was continued today and officials on both sides emphasized that it would be "some time" before details of the talks would be made known.

Salah el Din Pasha told the United Press there were no plans at present for further bilateral talks. Despite the apparent barrenness of the discussions, representatives on both sides insisted that the meeting had served its purpose by having established direct contact between the diplomatic heads of the two governments.

An Egyptian spokesman emphasized that the meeting was devoted to "talks" and not "negotiations."—Associated Press and United Press.

ACHESON'S HOPES

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, told a Press conference here today that the United States was hopeful that the proposals to the Egyptian Government on the Middle East Command would be acceptable to it.

It still hoped that there might be a time when the Egyptian Government would reconsider its position.

By joining the Command Egypt would be furnished with a real avenue of escape from the locked position she now occupied in the Suez Canal dispute with Britain.

The United States still hoped that Britain might find ways of participating in plans for an integrated European army and might eventually join it, Mr Acheson also said.—Reuter.

ISMAILIA QUIET

Ismailia, Dec. 19.

A British communiqué tonight said that Ismailia had been quiet today, following the ambush of military police troops on Monday night, when British casualties were caused.

No incidents of importance had been reported elsewhere in the Canal Zone, the communiqué added.

The British cruiser Gambier has released the cruiser Liverpool at Port Said and is returning to Malta for Christmas.

The British authorities today put out of bounds the road past Ismailia's police headquarters, where the British military police jeeps were ambushed on Monday.

All British vehicles have been ordered to use the longer alternative routes at night.—Reuter.

Completes Report

Paris, Dec. 19.

Dr Frank P. Graham, the United Nations Kashmir representative, has completed his report and submitted it to the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Trygve Lie, a usually reliable source said here tonight.

Advance copies of the report were also understood to have been given to the Indian and Pakistan delegations to the United Nations.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Proposed Rent Increases

GOVERNMENT'S announced proposals to amend the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance are certain to meet with a mixed reception. Property owners generally will regard the revisions as going some way toward removing unfair anomalies; on the other hand large numbers of white collar workers in the lower salary brackets will believe they have reason to fear a further increase in living costs when the new hikes in rentals for domestic premises become effective.

Government's view is that current open market rates for business and domestic premises must now be regarded as the norm; that the controlled rates bear no relation to those governing de-controlled property, and that to some extent controlled rents must be made more realistic. The argument is acceptable, and Government can be given credit for trying to work out a readjustment that will not impose too severe a hardship on tenants. Fully protected from exploitation are the small wage earners who have to live in sub-divided tenement houses. They are already to a large degree at the mercy of principal tenants who contrive not only to have their own rentals paid for them by the sub-tenants, but extort from them a margin for personal gain. In effect, therefore, Government is not saving these under-privileged sub-tenants from greedy landlords, but from unscrupulous principal tenants. In permitting an immediate increase of 30 per cent on existing rents for certain other types of domestic premises after the amended Ordinance has become effective, and a subsequent rise of 40 per cent six months later, Government cannot avoid impairing the economy of thousands of middle class workers whose high cost of living allowances, in many cases, do not include provision for rent. It is not difficult, however, to appreciate Government's dilemma. To grant favourable revision of controlled rents to owners of business

property to the complete exclusion of domestic property landlords would be invidious and unfair. It is Government's proposal that by the middle of next year the overall increase in rentals for certain types of domestic premises shall be 100 per cent of the pre-war levels, and it cannot seriously be contended that this increase, in view of ruling open market rates, is unreasonable. Government, however, will have to watch closely the effect on family economy, and to satisfy itself that higher rentals are not causing undue hardship. The official long-term policy which envisages gradual de-control is sensible. Controls in themselves are abhorrent and are justifiable only when applied to meet abnormal circumstances. The Attorney-General very correctly reminded Legislative Council that the housing and accommodation problem in Hongkong was still acute, and with due regard for this it is not proposed to indulge in any wholesale de-controlling of property. For the most part the type of property which it is proposed shall become free of controls next July is acceptable, but Government may be well advised to reconsider its suggestion that domestic premises, standard rental for which was \$200 before the war, should also be de-controlled. It is well to remember that there was a general rise in rents between 1938 and 1941 due to the influx of Chinese refugees from Central and Southern China, and it must not, therefore, be inferred that premises with rentals of \$200 a month were all luxury flats, or that the same buildings today are accommodating only people who can afford between five and eight hundred dollars a month for rent. The most careful thought must be given to the question of de-controlling domestic property. While landlords are entitled to the fairest possible consideration in existing circumstances, it also remains true that tenants continue to require some protection.

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MUTUAL AID PLAN DECIDED

Far East Move By Britain, France

London, Dec. 19.—Downing Street circles are extremely pleased with the results of Premier Winston Churchill's meeting with the French Premier, Jean Monnet, early this week.

A joint communiqué issued after the meeting stated that the two governments had agreed to co-operate in the Far East. It was understood that the British and French Governments had decided to co-operate in the Far East, and that the British Government had agreed to co-operate in the Far East, and that the French Government had agreed to co-operate in the Far East.

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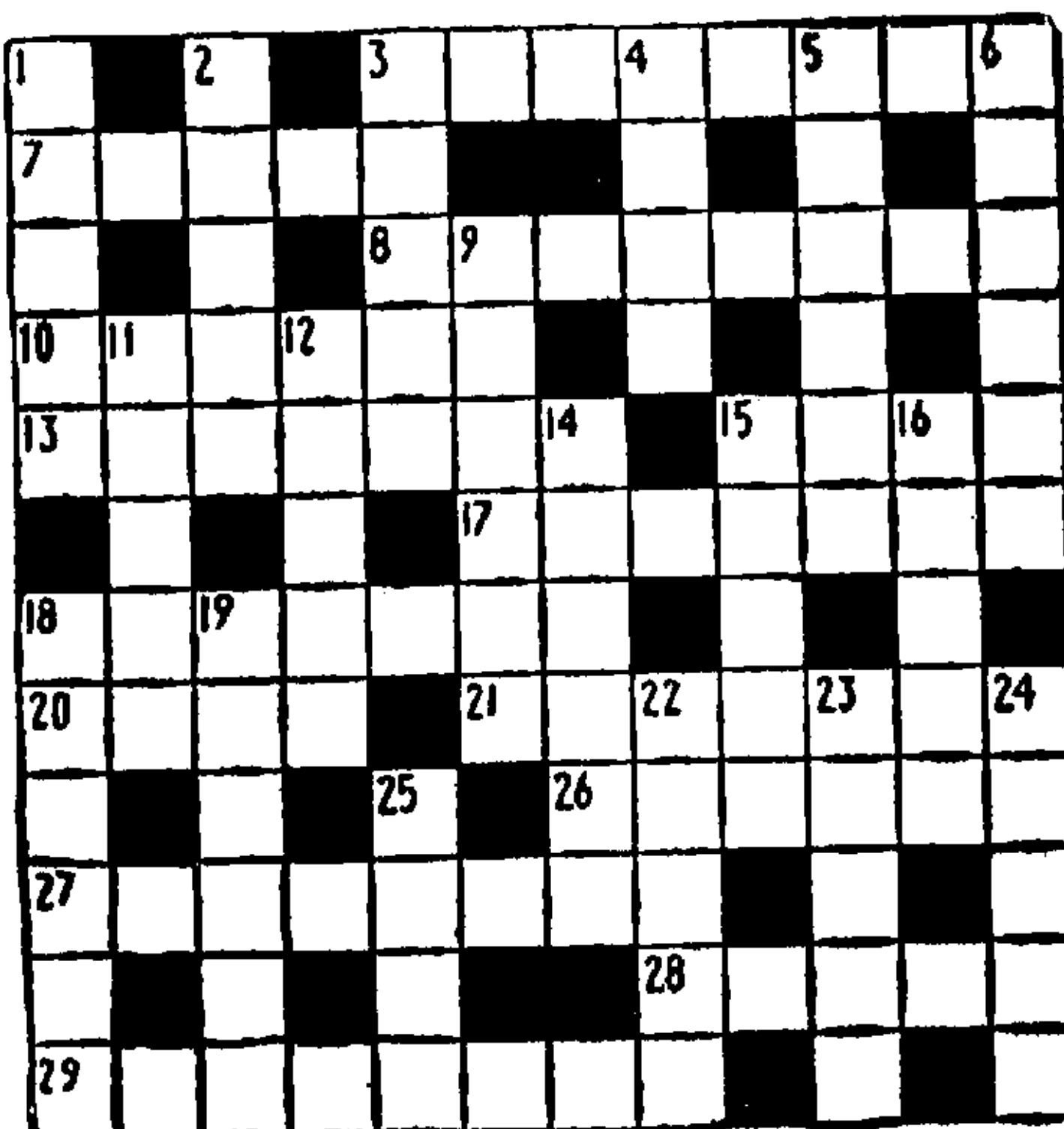
INDIAN CASE PUT OFF

Paris, Dec. 19.—The United Nations Special Ad Hoc Political Committee today adjourned without opening a discussion of the Indian Government's renewed complaint against South Africa on the treatment of people of Indian origin in Natal and the Transvaal.

The item was not reached today because a dispute between the Indian delegate and the Chairman, Mr. Selim Sarraf, of Turkey, prolonged discussion of the German elections.

Before the Committee adjourned, the Egyptian delegate was given permission by the Chairman to raise the question of Libya before the Indian complaint is taken up tomorrow.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Gambler (8).
- 7 Antic (5).
- 8 Helped (8).
- 10 Scrape (6).
- 13 Meditates (7).
- 15 Skin (4).
- 17 Avily (7).
- 18 Wenshling (7).
- 20 Way out (4).
- 21 Breakfast-table utensils (8-4).
- 26 Team (6).
- 27 Stick out (8).
- 28 Without stint (2, 3).
- 29 Disavow (8).

DOWN

- 1 Fight (5).
- 2 Reject disdainfully (5).
- 3 Quality (5).
- 4 Herd tale (4).
- 5 Tie up (8).
- 6 Roughly (6).
- 9 Calm (6).
- 11 Chemical (5).
- 12 Take as one's own (5).
- 14 Drooped (8).
- 15 Quietude (5).
- 16 Run away (5).
- 18 Oozed (6).
- 19 Turning points (6).
- 22 Shine (6).
- 23 Part of the palate (5).
- 24 Those with too great respect for position and wealth (5).
- 25 Spoiled (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Elders, 5 Tango, 8 Alarm, 9 Resume, 10 Audit, 11 Peril, 13 Lure, 15 Tense, 16 Hemlock, 17 Sower, 20 Dwell, 22 Hobo, 23 Alibi, 25 Okapi, 26 Nettle, 27 Scribe, 28 Ashes, 29 Eludes, Down: 1 Enrolled, 2 Describer, 3 Ramp, 4 Sleeper, 5 Traitor, 6 Amulet, 7 Grips, 14 Revolted, 16 Empowers, 17 Rallies, 18 Melange, 19 Elapse, 21 Elapse, 22 Wake, 25 Bear.

Llamas Are Ready For The Bird Show At Olympia



Yes, it's true! Gladys and Misty, London Zoo llamas, will have their part in the National Cage Birds Exhibition opening at Olympia. They are among a number of birds and animals to be sent by the London Zoo and will be cared for by Miss Pip Viney, Children's Zoo supervisor, who is pictured with them—Reuterphoto.

Operation On De Lattre

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French Ministry of Associated States tonight issued a communiqué stating that General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, French Commander-in-Chief and High Commissioner in Indo-China, would undergo an operation.

The communiqué stated that the General last night entered a nursing home in the Paris region where he will undergo a "slight surgical operation."

An official of the Ministry refused to disclose the nature of the operation—Reuter.

XMAS MESSAGE TO TROOPS

London, Dec. 19.—The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, in a Christmas message to British troops in the Middle East, thanked them for their courage in danger, endurance, hardship and discipline under provocation.

"We at home are proud of you," he said—Reuter.

West Replies To Russian Protest

London, Dec. 19.

The Western Powers—America, Britain, France and Turkey—told Russia today that it was her fault that they were forming a common Middle East Defence Command.

They blamed Russia for causing the international tension which had forced them to band together and said that if she objected to their defence moves it was up to the Soviet Union to back by deeds her words of peace.

The four notes, published in the Western capitals today, were handed over to the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, yesterday. They were sent in answer to Russia's protest of November 24 to the four Powers against the proposed Middle East Command.

Although the notes conformed in rejecting Russia's charge that the Command was aggressive, the American and Turkish notes were expressed in stronger terms than the British and French.

The American note recalled that the 1940 Stalin-Hitler Pact recorded Russia's interest in the Middle East. From Russia's attitude to the area, America could only assume that Soviet policy of 1940 was the same today.

The note quoted from the Stalin-Hitler Pact an agreement that the USSR be enabled to establish a base for land and naval forces within range of the Turkish straits and that "the area south of Batum and of Baku in the general direction of the Persian Gulf is recognised as the centre of the aspirations of the Soviet Union."

The American note also accused Russia of interfering in the affairs of Middle East States by sending them warnings against joining the Command.

BRITISH NOTE
The British note said that the Government "cannot resist the conclusion that the Soviet Government is opposed to any measures designed to assure the stability of the Middle East and thereby to lay the foundations for the future peace and prosperity of the whole area."

It added that both the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the proposed Middle East Command sprang from the same source—"the determination to make common cause in resisting aggression."

The French note emphasised that the Western Powers had no aggressive intentions and "are firmly resolved not to depart from this attitude."

Answering the Russian charge of "intervention" in the affairs of the Middle East, States the French reply said, "No measure of a military character would be taken without the complete approval of the State or States concerned, whose independence

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FINDING OF ST. PETER'S TOMB DECIDED BEYOND DOUBT

Vatican Issues Report

Vatican City, Dec. 19.

The discovery of the tomb of the Apostle Peter has been established with scientific certainty, according to a two-volume report that Vatican archaeologists presented to Pope Pius XII today.

The Tomb of the Prince of the Apostles was found beneath the High Altar of the Basilica of St. Peter's, the largest church in the world, but the report made no claim to the identity of a small pile of human bones found next to the Apostle's Tomb.

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, published tonight a digest of the report, said that Pope Pius, soon after his election to the Papacy in 1959, ordered excavation work to begin despite fears that the stability of the Basilica might be endangered.

The Pope received the first copy of the report, richly bound in parchment Ten thousand and five hundred other copies are being printed for sale at 40,000 lire (£23) each. One volume has 290 pages of text, and the other, illustrations and designs.

Osservatore Romano said that the excavators first penetrated to the level of the Basilica, built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century over the reputed Tomb of St. Peter.

The diggers then carefully worked their way into the Roman pagan cemetery, which covered the steep Vatican Hill at the time of the Apostle's death in 64 or 67 A.D.

Immediately beneath the High Altar of the present Basilica, they uncovered a structure which obviously had been a centre of constant devotion but which had undergone many changes during the early centuries.

The tomb had been pillaged and damaged.

RESPECTED SPACE

Traditionally St. Peter was crucified head downwards in the Circus of Nero beside the Vatican Hill and then buried in the nearby pagan cemetery. The newspaper's digest said that the poor tombs and graves found under the High Altar must definitely be dated as belonging to the second half of the 1st century Anno Domini. They were singularly intact.

Pagan mausoleums belonging to an enriched middle class invaded the whole zone from the beginning of the 2nd Century, ranging of the like a small space which was singularly respected.

"A few remains of a wall at the side of this space, at a level slightly higher than that of the oldest tomb, likewise belong with moral certainty to the tomb of the Apostle," the report said.

After the first half of the 2nd century, succeeding constructions remained fixed on this point, which was made an object of honour.

A memorial was built over the tomb in the second half of the 2nd Century. This memorial lasted until the 4th Century until finally there arose the great Basilica of Constantine, in which the memorial, enclosed in a sort of monumental chapel, sustained and ornamented by six columns of marble, was located in the very centre of the sanctuary.

Successive works extensively modified this sanctuary during

the 6th and 7th Centuries and finished by completely hiding the memorial from the eyes of the faithful.

"But it remained there under the newly raised floor as the object when the old Basilica gave place to the new majestic temple of the 16th and 17th Centuries.

"Thus, with persistence, the topographical stability and chronological continuity of which are undoubtedly elements of the highest scientific value, the cult of the Apostle's Tomb was perpetuated here throughout the most varied and radical structural changes over the space of nineteen centuries."

The paper, saying that no means had yet been sought for giving public access to the Tomb, added that it was doubtful whether this would ever be possible except in a very limited measure because of the very narrow spaces and difficulty of movement between the walls of the Tomb and the supporting pillars.—Reuter.

Wells For Thirsty Lions

Kathiawar, Dec. 20.

What will 250 lions do when they are thirsty?

Saurashtra State officials are taking no chances in this drought-stricken region bordering the dense Gir mountain jungles. They have sent special detachments of workers to dig wells for the big cats.

The Gir mountains have been designated a protected area for the only extant specimens of the Asiatic lion. Officials fear the lions may growl into villages bordering the jungles—attacking not only domestic animals, but possibly humans.

Most of Northwest India is in the grip of a drought. Government lorries are carrying water to the worst affected spots.

Workmen digging the lion wells have devised sloping approaches on one side of the wells to ease the way for the thirsty felines.

A three-week observation of salt-licks last year resulted in an estimate by biologists that 250 lions inhabit the Gir jungles.—Associated Press.

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NEW YORK, Tuesday. We shall have to do better than this. Here in New York the first International Conference of Manufacturers has been and gone, and the British team didn't score a point or raise a cheer.

The setting in the Pierre Hotel was perfect. The occasion, with 350 big business men from Europe and the United States all assembled, was ideal. Everything in the way of advance publicity, Press arrangements, elaborate brochures in three languages, (English, French, and German) had been prepared. And we fumbled and flustered and fell by the wayside.

One man, the American Mr Paul Hoffman, former Marshall Plan chief, talked straight sense. He urged "hard thinking, strong incentives, and bold competition" as the formula for increased production in Europe. He was very polite for a man who had given away tens of millions of dollars to his audience.

Our contribution

WHAT did we do? Not very much. Sir Norman Kipping, director-general of the Federation of British Industries, tried, but speaking for Britain and Western Europe he said that American success was the "result of the complete set of circumstances—geographical, historical, and political"—in which the United States found herself. It wasn't just due to simplification, or specialisation, or ruthless and unlimited competition, or darned hard work—no, sir! Then Sir Norman added: "I would beg [beg] was the right word] that American aid should take forms which would help us all to help ourselves, such as the supply of materials and particular machines without which our productivity cannot rise." Oh, dear! Alas and alack!

This was our contribution to the great occasion. This was the way we muffed a bright golden opportunity.

Muffed it

LEAVING the press room, with its electric typewriters and sheafs of mimeographed hand-outs, I met some New York newspapermen in the Pierre lobby. One said: "What's wrong with your lot? Here's a 30-man British delegation, and what has it done? What has it offered?"

Another said: "The British attitude has been almost entirely negative."

The first International Conference of Manufacturers may as well be the last if this is all we

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can do. I am not surprised that Paul Porter, chief European representative of Economic Co-operation Administration (the Marshall Plan), calls Europe's continued dependence on America a "shocking state of affairs." I do not blame Mr Porter for saying he doesn't understand why Britain's coal production should be lagging when unemployed Italian workers clamour for the chance to work in the coalmines.

The American mood is getting testy. The biggest of the big business men are wondering if the United States isn't overstretching herself.

Damage is done

PRESIDENT Truman has been juggling with guns, butter, propaganda, and all-out aid to Europe, but the performance is coming apart at the seams. Not even the United States can afford everything everywhere. And particularly not just now, when so many hands are in the till.

I passed through Washington the other day, and I tell you that corruption and scandals in the capital have blown off a lid bigger than the Teapot Dome.

First there were mink coats and deep freezers and Florida fishing trips on the cuff for interested parties, and no one minded very much. Now there are revelations regarding dubious oil leases, illegal commissions on sales of Government property, vast income-tax evasions, pay-offs, fixings, and funny business.

Scores of officials have already been fired, and scores more will be kicked out but the damage to the Administration has been done.

It's a pity that this mess should have been uncovered in the short weeks before Christmas. Everything looks wonderfully well on the surface. New York is at its most magnificent. The city has just about completed its dressing-up for the celebration.

Only the weather has been unseasonable. We are all going around without overcoats in a temperature of 65 degrees.

Sales in the shops match the mercury, and I'm glad to see so many British goods are being bought.

They are of wonderful quality and selling well. But, oh, the prices!

If tariffs and taxes were cut, and the British export drive really went into top gear, we could garner many more millions here. The American market hasn't been really tapped, and don't let the Federation of British Industries tell you differently. What we need are commercial travellers to move in and sell.

Two travellers

TWO British travellers, Mr C. G. Robinson and Mr George Philpot, dropped in on me this week. I suppose they would be called little business men, but they had big ideas and were ranging the country reaping orders. I said to Mr Philpot: "But where do you live? Haven't you a flat or a house?" And he said: "I've been here two years, but I live from one hotel room to another. I'm always on the move. I'm here for business, not for comfort."

It has been a full week. Major Bill Ormerod gave a party for Sir William and the new Lady

'BABEL' GOES UNDERGROUND

by GEORGE SCOTT

FROM the pithead cage step 80 men, all looking alike after eight hours down there.

There is a clatter of talk, and pink lips and tongues gape startlingly out of grimy masks. They look alike, but speak in the tongues of eight nations.

As the people say round Windsor Colliery with wry good humour: "It will be the Welsh who are looked on as foreigners here soon."

The Poles were first to come to Caerphilly Mountain four years ago. Most are still at the

colliery. Some, helped by their Welsh tutors, have become skilled men, earning, with overtime, up to £16 a week.

They have married local girls, have saved, and have bought houses in the district.

Since the Poles there have been Yugoslavs, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Polish-Ukrainians, Latvians. Foreign workers now total 153. That is not counting the Scots, the Irish, and English. Add them to the Welsh, call these last four British and we have accounted for seven of the eight languages.

All have been absorbed with little fuss.

Where names were too difficult to pronounce, the Welsh awarded nicknames as they do to their own folk. So now the twin villages of Abertridwr and Senghenydd have not only Dai the Coal, but also Peter the Pole.

Dusk is beginning to curtain the squat, white buildings of the colliery now. Up comes the cage again and out jumps a lone man. A tall man, a big man. But young or old, dark or fair, it is impossible to tell.

But, at a single question, the mask cracks into violent animation. He turns out to be Italian—which makes up the eighth of those nations we mentioned.

He speaks enough English to prove that he, Gianni Gemin, is happy. Very happy.

He has just worked an extra two hours in the stooping, water-dripping gloom 1,800ft. below

and "pasking"—filling with dirt the gaps at the face where coal has been cut—the Welshmen have a chance to move on to more skilled work.

The Southwestern Division of the Coal Board, which includes Somerset as well as South Wales—would like 2,000 Italians.

The miners' leaders agreed with the Coal Board on the principle of employing Italians. But agreement at "high level" is a different matter from the fact being accomplished.

Out of 100 pits where they are needed in this area only seven miners' loaves have agreed to accept them.

Old fears persist in the valleys of South Wales. Fears of unemployment, born in the bony "thirties" fears that the coming of foreigners will end the labour shortage, which is such a strong weapon in wage negotiations.

In the Aber Valley, at the Windsor Colliery, they seem to have accepted the assurance that Welshmen will always come first.

Lodgings

SO much for the atmosphere in the effect of this new batch of Italians on life in the valleys?

It is early to say. But here is one woman, slight, grey-haired, wearing an apron. She stands arms akimbo, in her living-room, within 100 yards of the pithead and a mile of the old Universal pit where, in October 1913 an explosion killed 439 men—the most grievous disaster in British mining history. There are still widows and children in the valley getting pension from the 1913 disaster fund.

Mrs Lucy Evans has two of the Italians as lodgers. As we talk they are asleep upstairs after an eight-hour night shift. "First day they came," she says. "I gave them spaghetti. Made it with sugar and milk. They nearly threw it back at me. Now they get it boiled in water, with salt, and mixed with tomatoes. Then they're happy."

"I said to one of them—Nicolino Antonelli—as a joke the other day: 'One week's notice to quit. Another Italian wants to come here!'"

"He was mad. His arms flew all over the place. Tell him to keep away from my home," he said. "My home. That's how they've settled down here."

Mother's sons

TWO pairs of shoes glisten on the stairs, ready for the lodgers. These Welsh women look after their men.

"I have no husband," says Mrs Evans. "He died 15 years ago. Of silicosis."

In the hearth lies a piano—according to its black case. The other lodger, Salvatore Angelini, is a musician. But that is not quite the way Mrs Evans put it. "He nearly blows us out of the house," she says. But adds, "He's good at it, though."

His 9-year-old daughter Maureen teaches them English. A romance, perhaps?

"Not on your life," says Mrs Evans. "Nothing like that. But you've got to look after them. After all, they're some mother's sons, aren't they?"

Savings

THAT means more money. But money is just a means to a wished-for end. The end that is now only one week away.

"Then," he says, "my sweetheart will be here from Italy. I saved money to send for her. Soon we shall be married."

That is one reason for Gianni's happiness. Another is knowing there will be work for him tomorrow and for as many to-morrows as imagination can conceive.

Like the other 26 Italians in this pit—there are 45 altogether in three pits in South Wales—he comes to Britain on a two-year contract. After that the National Coal Board will pay for his repatriation or he can carry on the good work.

Gianni—that means Johnny in English—came to the Aber Valley seven weeks ago. His home was in Venice. But for him that name means unemployment, not gondolas drifting on a golden canal.

He earns from William Williams with something like 40 years' experience to buttress his judgment, the tribute of showing "good shape."

Gianni has said already he wants to sign on for another five years when his first two are over. And he has ambitions which make the colliery manager a grey-faced, chummy man, joke: "I'll have to watch out."

But Gianni is not exceptional either in work or ambition. The only test demanded by the Welsh miners is: "Are they pulling their weight?" Nationality does not matter.

Promotion

WITH foreigners doing the essential, unskilled work underground, like road-making

GERMANS TRYING TO DODGE THE BILL

From CHARLES WIGHTON

HANOVER. TREASURY. British men have warned Whitehall that the Germans are trying to dodge paying for European defence.

After a secret survey of Germany's new industrial boom, British investigators say the 45,000,000 West Germans could pay double the £550 million they now reluctantly contribute towards British, French, and U.S. Forces defending them. The Germans, reported an investigator, could pay for the 18 Allied divisions being stationed along the Iron Curtain frontier and for a 12-division German Army as well.

But this double contribution would end the Germans' attempt to seize British export markets while Britain herself is busy re-arming. And Germany, thriving for trade and rich living, prefers to put her money into new factories and let the Allies shoulder the entire defence burden.

Individual Germans are paying only half what the average British taxpayer provides for defence. And constant propaganda costs is being used as a smoke screen to cover what the Germans could pay.

Finance Minister Fritz Schaefer claims that his taxpayers cannot possibly afford more than £750 million a year for the Allied garrison forces and a new German Army. But the British Treasury rejects this.

Said a senior British financial official: "We insist, and important Americans agree, that the Germans are well able to find something over £1,000 million a year. That would be about ten percent of Western Germany's gross national income. If the Germans refuse, a most serious situation will arise. Britain has a very

heavy three-year defence programme. It is quite impossible to increase that expenditure no matter how much the Germans howl.

"If we fail to get the £175 million the Germans pay towards British occupation costs it will mean another 9d. in the £ on income tax—and the British cannot afford it."

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"The Germans ignore the fact that the British taxpayer is paying millions for wages and supplies of British Forces which are part of Germany's defence."

"If the British taxpayer had to foot the whole bill for those forces, there would almost certainly be a clamour to bring them home."

British officials now negotiating the end of the occupation with Premier Adenauer have been told by Whitehall: "The Germans must be made to pay. They must go on supplying every penny of the £175 million

for the British garrison, whether it is called occupation costs or a defence contribution.

"Not a penny can be added to British income tax to maintain forces in Germany."

Senior British staff officers say that great economies have been made on garrison costs in the past year. Further cuts would seriously hit the living standard of British soldiers and Service families in Germany.

"Why should British troops defending the Germans be allowed to become poor relations?" said a senior staff officer. "They are almost that as it is."

British officials believe that it is high time Finance Minister Schaefer got down to collecting his own taxes instead of accusing the British of extravagance.

These officials believe the Germans are dodging taxes in wholesale. In addition, the

West German Parliament refuses to impose heavier taxation—apparently in the belief that the Western Allies will go on footing a large part of Germany's defence bill.

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Prominent Germans outside the Government agree that there is widespread tax evasion. The provincial Premier of Lower Saxony, Heinrich Kopf, recently told British officials that Germany could raise much more money if the Government enforced the present taxation laws.

Important German's allege that the Government is scared of big business barons in the Ruhr, who contributed big sums to Premier Adenauer's election fund and were largely responsible for his Government getting in.

FOOTNOTE.—Cost of the defence in Britain this year is about £55 a head of the working population.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Play Is Logical, But Easily Missed

NORTH 4		EAST	
♠ A 7 Q		♠ 8 7 5	
♥ K Q 9		♥ 6 5	
♦ K Q		♦ 5 4 3 2	
♣ 5 2		♣ 7 3	
WEST (D)		EAST	
♠ 6 4 3		♠ 8 7 5	
♥ A 3		♥ 6 5	
♦ A Q		♦ 5 4 3 2	
♣ A J 10 9 8 6		♣ 7 3	
SOUTH		EAST	
♠ J 10 2		♠ 8 7 5	
♥ K Q J 8		♥ 6 5	
♦ J 10 8 7		♦ 5 4 3 2	
♣ K 4		♣ 7 3	
Both sides vul.		EAST	
West North East South		♠ 8 7 5	
1 ♠ Double Pass 2 ♠		♥ 6 5	
3 ♠ 3 ♥ Pass Pass		♦ 5 4 3 2	
Pass Pass Pass		♣ 7 3	
Opening lead—♦ A			

By OSWALD JACOBY

"SOUTH made his contract in this hand," writes a Montreal correspondent, "but he could have been beaten. I don't say that he should have been beaten, because that's really what I'm writing to you about."

West opened the ace of diamonds and dummy played in queen. West thought this over for a second or two and then laid down the ace of clubs, continuing with the king of clubs. The hand was then played out on both counts.

South took the king of clubs and led a trump at once. West could take it in any of three ways, but he chose the third.

When the play of the hand ended, West reflected that he could have defeated the contract by leading the ace of clubs instead of the king of clubs. This would have led to a different result.

It is a hard question to answer. The play is very logical, but difficult to see. The key to the hand is the queen of clubs.

When he leads the queen of clubs, West is a king east to overtake with the king if he can. After that, play moves to South's king. West leads the six of clubs to allow East to win if he has the seven or if he can nullify.

What if East has a singleton club and a singleton trump? That is possible. East would have a six of clubs and a five of clubs. This would be a very difficult situation for West.

What if South has a singleton king of clubs and a singleton trump? That would be a very difficult situation for West. The key to the hand is the queen of clubs.

Today's Question: The bidding has been North-South. East-South. You, South, hold Spades A-J-9-4, Hearts K-Q-9, Diamonds J-3-2, Clubs A-K-10. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

IT'S usually useless to bother disputing the man who admits he is a failure.

Chicago bandits suppressed one racket when they held up a jazz band and swiped all the instruments.

The best way to dig your way out of most of your worries is to dig in.

Dads who want to be heroes with their sons had best not help them with their home work.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

An old story

By T. O. HARE

"I was her... back in thirty-three... her name was..."

"Let's not... the sequel..."

"How, years ago, her cottage was for sale..."

FIVE words are missing from this quatrain, which, taken in order, constitute a Word Square.

(Solution on Page 10)

Check Your Knowledge

1. What causes anoxia?

2. In army parlance what is a squad?

3. What is the object of the Zellerbach movement?

4. In what sport would you use a niblick?

5. What city is called the City of the Churches?

6. Name Leonardo da Vinci's most famous painting.

(Answers on Page 10)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WRITING of a concert the other day, a music critic said: "The bile of the obese had the right masculine acidity." Nowadays hungry people will bite almost anything, not lacking acidity, but with that true acidity and ill-temper which is the result of hunger, or what is called deficiency of vitamins. The report that a French politician had been eaten by his constituents made no mention of malice. It was again, probably sheer hunger. In this country parliamentary privilege protects our M.P.s from any possible outbreak of cannibalism. The Member who complained that he was men with a basting-iron in a fire under his chair and tried to roast him had the sympathy of all the well-fed. What that obese politician had mentioned, but the G-string of a collar, with a saucer of cream, is said to be fairly tender.

The Hidden Rhinoceros

(II)

AS midnight chimed from the clock of the Pinyan University, old Mother Beedle the laundress, rattled the blind in her doorway, sitting on a stool, and slowly waved her oil-lamp to and fro. There was an answering signal from a window

opposite. A man in the alley whistled twice. A woman on a roof-top hoisted like an owl. Then all was still. Ten minutes later a pair of Siamese twins came out of an iron-monster's shed on the Franz-Josef quay on the left bank of the Danube, and got into a rowing boat. Magda von Sickingen rose from the stern, finger to lips, and

gave out of the boat. A large car drove up, was ignored, and drove off again downstream towards Marzetta Island. Two men sharpening huge pencils on the fifth floor of a freightage office exchanged a smile as three knock-knocks fell on the window. Outside, at the top of the ladder, was an old sailor. He stepped into the room, and the two knock-knocks fell on the place on the ladder, climbed down, and ran quickly into a cafe, where a meeting was being addressed. They left without a word.

Predrago! I don't see the point. Myself! Do you expect me to give the plot away at once?

Without comment

THERE is a famous old street in New York called The Shambles. The North-Eastern Region of British Railways has taken over a butcher's shop in this street, and decorated it with dummy carcasses and a board's head. In this old-world setting, says my paper, "an information bureau has been opened."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

BORN today, your very versatility, talent and your fluidity of temperament make you a difficult person to understand. Your nature is full of contradictions. That must be recognized if you are to make a real success of your life. Sometimes you are involved in so many different things at the same time that nothing seems to bring real success. Asked to do anything, you do it competently. To make your star of good fortune shine brightly and stand out in the heavens, concentrate on a single objective.

Although instinctively artistic, in your tastes, you are good at figures and might make an expert mathematician. You dislike letting anyone know you are sensitive and will cover up with bluster and humbug. Self-confident, you seem to lack aggressiveness, and will patiently wait around for someone to turn up. It usually does. But it might come more quickly if you go out looking for it. Stop worrying about what might happen. It rarely ever does. Be frank and direct if you need help. Co-operation is one of the best methods of getting a job done quickly.

You have strong emotions and are very affectionate, loving your home and family extravagantly. But you never show it. To make your appearance of being cool and aloof. If you persist in this attitude, you may miss out on romance. And that could bring you great discontent for to be happily married and have your own family about you is one of your dearest desires.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A day of pleasure. An unexpected visitation may come your way. Accept it with a smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is a day of your own. You will find it a day of your own. You will find it a day of your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is a good evening to seek relaxation. The theatre or the movies might release tensions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Get to work on finishing up old jobs. The new year will be calling for new projects.

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WOMANSENSE

VEGETABLE CONSUMMINE

CUT 2 OR 3 CARROTS IN HALVES

AND FRY THESE LIGHTLY IN A LITTLE MARG FOR ABOUT 5 MIN.

AND A SMALL TURNIP QUARTERED

2 OR 3 WHOLE ONIONS

AND 1 OR 2 BAY LEAVES

THE FRYING HELPS EXTRACT THEIR FLAVOURS

NOW POUR IN 4 BREAKFASTCUPS OF COLD WATER, AND A TEASPOONFUL OF VEGETABLE EXTRACT, AND BOIL FOR 4 HOURS WITH THE LID ON

LET IT GET COLD, REMOVE THE FAT, AND HEAT UP AGAIN, AND SEASON

CUT SOME OF THE CARROT AND TURNIP IN SMALL DICE AS A GARNISH. IT'S REALLY VERY NICE

TOYS ARE HIS TEACHER

Moreover, there are some good toys with which younger children gain much in nearly all the foregoing implied ways, while playing alone. Nevertheless, most good toys enjoyed by a tot two or three alone may also be enjoyed often by him later with playmates. Good examples are dominoes and simple blocks of various dimensions, several of each dimension.

TOYS ARE HIS TEACHER. WISE parents of children are already thinking of the toys and playthings they will purchase for their children for Christmas. They are going to select playthings with a purpose, knowing that what the child from his early years plays with has a great deal to do with his education and character development.

POINTS TO CONSIDER: They are going to ask themselves such questions as these: Is the toy suited to the child's age? Can he use it himself? For how many months or years will he enjoy it? Is it sturdy? Is it safe? Will it further the youngster's muscular growth and finer co-ordinations? Will it foster play with other children? Will it train him in reasoning? Will it stimulate him to create? Will it give him pleasure at achievement? Will it afford him fun through imitation of adult experiences?

AGE. Of course, not every toy may be strong in all these purposes. The child under two, for example, does not incline to play with other children as freely as does the child over four or five.

For instance, he seems weak in any particular direction of development certain types of toys should be emphasised. If he fails by the age of two or three to make friends easily his parents should select toys which he can enjoy at play with other children.

MUSCULAR DEVELOPMENT. If he noticeably lacks in muscular development and co-ordination, equipment for muscular exercise should be chosen. Without increasing your toy budget you can put into your child's hands carefully selected toys that encourage concentration and carefulness of property and truly educate this child physically, mentally, socially and morally, and while he will enjoy them. Here let me, caution parents against giving a child frail toys, since they discourage him to handle them carefully and encourage him to be destructive. A few carefully-chosen toys are better than a ton of trash. Richer than a king is a child with a few good toys. Why not choose toys intelligently?

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STEEPLECHASE SEASON OPENS



Over the sticks at Kempton Park—with the Flat Racing finished until next March the jumpers now have the fields to themselves. The first jump in the Staines Moderate Handicap Hurdle Race (3 miles) which was won by Mr. G. W. Higgs' Caballistic II, ridden by C. Smithers.—Express Photo.

Second Test Between India And England Ends In A Draw

Bombay, Dec. 19. The second Test match between India and England ended in a draw today following a stubborn stand by India's tail after the collapse of the leading batsmen.

The final scores were:
India, 1st innings 485 for nine declared.
England, 1st innings 456.
India, 2nd innings 208.
England, 2nd innings 55 for two.

India were all out in their second knock late in the afternoon leaving England the most imposing task of scoring 238 in an hour and 40 minutes to win.

India, with their overnight score needing only 42 for four required batting this morning in a very cautious manner, both Umrigar and Sarwat taking chances.

Jack Robertson continued to be troubled by pain in his back and Poodie again substituted.

Failure to separate the fifth pair during the first hour diminished England's hope but once again came unexpectedly soon after when Umrigar edged Statham to Watkiss after a stubborn display of two hours and 25 minutes for 38.

The cricket became really game when Adhkar joined Sarwat. Howard set an all-out packing round the bat. Both batsmen were reluctant to make strokes but Adhkar once again gave a chance to Leadbeater at short leg when driving Tattersall for four.

At 75 India made a present of a wicket when Sarwat called foolishly for a run and was out when Lawson made a smart return.

Adhkar did not relax being hemmed in and swept Tattersall high to the leg boundary but Tattersall got him in the next over when Adhkar was caught less by Howard.

India were now seven down for 88, and England's hopes soared, but they failed to break the Gopinath-Mankad

partnership which stood in the last half hour before lunch. Mankad was severe on Leadbeater, taking three for 100 off 150 runs, with three and a half hours left to play.

TIME SLIPPED BY

England needed to capture the last three wickets in under an hour after lunch to have any chance of victory, but the batsmen worried little about runs, 15 coming in an hour, and the time slipped by and no wickets fell.

Howard called on Leadbeater but both batsmen were obviously quite comfortable against him. Gopinath cut and cover-drove Mankad for four in one over and Mankad hit him high to the leg on boundary at the next.

Then Watkiss knocked back Mankad's middle stump to break the stand. Mankad made an invaluable 41.

Sohoni kept up his end while Gopinath dictated the scoring, but the return of Tattersall brought the dismissal of Gopinath, at 42.

He pushed forward at Tattersall's fourth ball bowled from well behind the crease and Leadbeater snapped up a catch at forward short leg.

Sohoni took nearly half an hour over his first run, but with little fear of losing now began hitting out and cracked Tattersall for mighty fours. He swung heartily and took 15 off one over from Tattersall.

The innings ended when he hesitated about a second run and was run out. His 28 included five fours. Shinde was not out three.

England, in a virtually impossible position to win, made three

in the ten minutes before tea, and finally ended up with 55 for two (Kenyon, lbw, Sohoni 2, and Lawson c. Sohoni b. Gopinath 20). Graveney was not out 25 and Spooner not out five. Watkiss fell at three and five. Wickets fell at three and 43.

The bowling analysis for India's second innings was:

	O	M	R	W
Statham	20	11	30	1
Ridwani	16	3	33	2
Watkiss	13	4	20	0
Leadbeater	14.1	4	62	0
Tattersall	20	6	55	2

—Reuter.

RAF 2ND XI YET TO LOSE A POINT

The Royal Air Force 2nd XI completed its First Round fixtures in the Second Division of the Cricket League yesterday with a splendid seven-wicket victory over King George V School at Kai Tak.

By virtue of their victory yesterday, the RAF 2nd XI, who had previously played eight games and won all, enjoy the distinction of being the only team in the Second Division to secure maximum points in the First Round of the League.

KG V
G. Bendall, c. Simson, b. McConville 17
D. A. C. Hutton, c. Ellender, b. Madger 7
C. Q. M. Almas, b. Madger 4
J. Watson, b. Ellender 4
J. V. R. Bottomley, c. Madger 1
J. Marshall, c. Madger, b. Maughan 4
A. E. Barton, not out 4
M. Beeley, stp Harris, b. Maughan 2
M. Robertson, c. Ross-Bain, b. McCrell 2
Extras 1
Total 29

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
McConville	4	1	7	2
Madger	5	2	13	3
Maughan	4	1	2	2
McCrell	5	1	1	1

RAF
Conboy, b. Watson 6
McCrell, b. Hutton 4
McMahon, not out 12
Tone-Bain, b. Watson 12
McConville, not out 9
Extras 1
Total (for three wickets) 43

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Watson	11	4	25	2
Cornell	4	1	14	1
Hutton	3	1	1	1

HKCC TEAM SERVICES

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Combined Services in the cricket match at Sookunpoo on Saturday and Sunday, December 22 and 23:

L. D. Kilbee (Captain), L. F. Stokes, G. T. Rowe, G. H. E. Pritchard, H. E. O. Hubble, R. M. Macpherson, C. B. Connor, T. P. Mahon, J. D. Shannon, S. H. H. and K. Miller.

12th Man: C. J. Ure. **Umpire:** A. E. Perry.

IRC V. KCC
The following will represent IRC in a First Division League match against Kowloon CC on Saturday, at Sookunpoo, commencing at 1.45 p.m.:

A. R. Abbas, A. R. Minu, A. H. Madar, A. R. Kitchell, I. M. Omar, S. H. Khan, F. M. el Arculi, A. M. Omar, S. P. Chagla, M. Sahab, and S. A. Iqbal.

Umpire: O. M. Butt, **Scorer:** Adam Khan.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Strial No. 51. Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated December 18, 1951.

Force Headquarters

In Memoriam. Royal Hongkong Defence Force. In memory of our comrades of HKRVR, HKVDC and all other volunteers who died in the defence of the Colony in 1941, and of prisoners of war, and of those who died on service on other fronts.

Complimentary. The Commandant wishes all ranks a Happy Christmas and a Good Fortune in the New Year.

Holiday. RHKDF HQ. Happy Valley will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26, 1951.

Depot Training. There will be no depot training over the Christmas and New Year periods. Training of the Colony in 1951 and as per recurrence in the New Year will be as follows:—Squad 1, 2, 3 and 4 at 5.45 p.m. Monday, Jan 7, 1952. Squad No. 6 at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 8, 1952. Squad No. 5 at 5.45 p.m. Tuesday January 15, 1952.

Force Rifle Meeting. Individual entries—Members of the Force intending to take part in the individual and team events must forward their names and collect their competitors' cards from the Force Rifle Meeting on Thursday, January 3, 1952. All members of the Force living in the Team, Individual and/or Side shows must notify the Force RSM of their intention of doing so so that their names can be made ready and taken to the range. No rifles will be taken to the range on either day unless names are submitted. Entry in the individual and team events will be taken at notification that rifles are required on Sunday only.

Transport. All units of the RHKDF requiring transport will apply in the

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Com. A. el Arculi, O.B.E., K.S.I.J., Commissioner of S.I.A.B., Hong Kong District Order No. 51/51 dated 20th December, 1951.

Ambulance Duties, Hongkong.
23.12.51 to 29.12.51. Wanchai, A Division. 30.12.51 to 5.1.52. Wanchai, B Division.

Duties, Kowloon.
24.12.51 to 30.12.51. Kowloon, A Division. 31.12.51 to 6.1.52. Mong Kok Division.

Race Course Duties, Saturday, December 22. Shaikwan K.F. and Motor Transport Division. Penetration Squad Duties. Penetration Squad will not go out on December 23 and 30, 1951.

Football Duties, Hongkong. Saturday, December 22, at 2.30 p.m. Caroline Hill Ground, S.C.A.A. Division. Sookunpoo Ground, Wanchai, A Division. Sunday, December 23, at 2.30 p.m. Caroline Hill Ground, S.C.A.A. Division. Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, S.C.A.A. Division. Club Ground K.C.O.B. Division.

Football Duties, Kowloon. Saturday, December 22, at 2.30 p.m. Boundary St. Ground, Kowloon, Y.M.C.A. Division. Tuesday, December 23, at 3 p.m. Boundary St. Ground, Mong Kok Division.

Andrew Tsang Shield Annual Competition. The annual competition for the Andrew Tsang Shield will be held at King's College, Bonham Road, Hongkong, on Sunday, January 6, 1952, at 9.30 a.m. Resignation—Kowloon Ambulance Division. Pte. Liu Kwan-pui and Pte. Chan Shu-por resigned w.e.f. 15.10.51.

Appointment and Promotion. Kowloon Railway Ambulance Division. A/O Leung Hon-yin promoted to Div. Supt. w.e.f. 30.11.51. Sergeants L. Hon-kai, 1st Yeung promoted to A/O w.e.f. 30.11.51. Cpls. Yeung King-yau, Pun Yuk-shu, Lu Ting-fa promoted to Sergeants w.e.f. 30.11.51.

(Sgd.) Ho Kan-cho, S.B.S.I.J., Corps Superintendent.

Army League Cricket

The Army Inter-Unit League Cricket match between the 13th/18th Royal Hussars and the Hongkong Signal Regiment played yesterday at the Indian Recreation Club, ended in a tie.

H.K. SIGNAL REGT.

Jones, lbw, b. Hargrove 0
Hamilton, c. Blinder, b. Hargrove 35
Andrews, c. Peacock, b. Gregory 35
Tappenden, b. Gregory 11
Baker, b. Gregory 9
Collins, b. Gregory 2
McDowall, c. Whetton, b. Hargrove 2
Fleming, c. Baker, b. Gregory 13
Gregory, b. Hargrove 6
Welch, b. Hargrove 12
Ibbotson, not out 12
Extras (8 byes) 1
Total 98

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Hargrove	13	3	40	5
Gregory	13	0	44	5

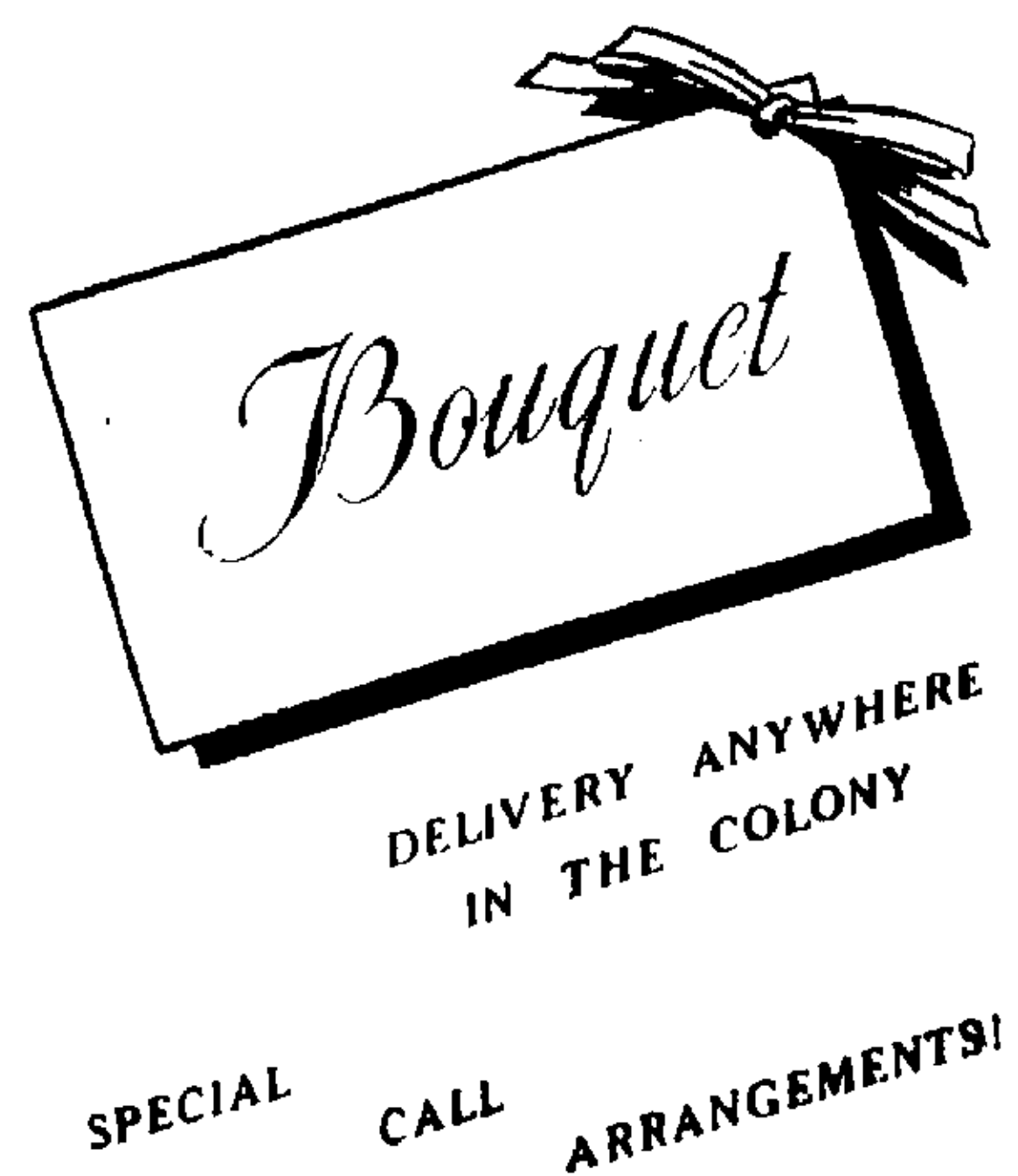
13TH/18TH HUSSARS

Hargrove, b. Bray 0
Gregory, c. Collins, b. Gregory 14
McDowall, b. McDowall 11
Baker, lbw, b. Bray 35
Hall, b. Tappenden 10
Wright, b. Tappenden 9
Pearson, b. Bray 0
Blinder, c. Andrews, b. Tappenden 0
Evans, b. Bray 0
Sorvins, not out 0
Extras (7 byes, 1 leg bye) 7
Total 98

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Bray	11.2	2	17	1
Gregory	11	4	28	1
McDowall	4	1	15	1

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The first article of a weekly instructional series on the game of cricket by the former Surrey and England all-rounder, "Alf" Gover, will appear in next Saturday's China Mail.

Craigengower Match On Sunday

The annual Married v. Single's match at Craigengower Cricket Club will be played on Sunday, December 23, commencing at 11 a.m.

The following teams have been selected:

Married: G. Hong Choy, G. A. Souza, M. J. Divecha, L. White, S. S. Ismail, S. F. Shroff, L. H. Pinnell, A. H. Ismail, J. L. Youngsaye, S. F. Richmond, C. R. Greenfield, and R. Tay. **Singles:** P. R. Rangi, P. J. Billimoria, T. Crabtree, B. P. Dhabar, D. Bottomley, D. Readman, S. Leonard, E. H. Esmail, L. Wade, P. V. Yap, R. K. Pavri and Capt. Britton. **Umpires:** C. R. Lawrence, R. O. Baker, **Scorer:** Mrs. I. Souza.

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French Hope For End To Indo-China War Next Year

Paris, Dec. 19.

The free world's fight against the Communists in the Indo-Chinese breadbasket of South-eastern Asia enters its sixth year today, and the French hope this is the final year of the longest continuous military operation in history involving troops in the Far East.

French and Vietnamese troops are pounding the Communist-led Vietnamese rebels with automatic weapons, self-propelled artillery and American bullets and planes. During the past three months, the "final enemy" has been routed from strategic outposts near Nghia Lo, Choben and Hoa Binh. Confident French Union campaigners are now waiting for what may be the Communists' last attempt to regain control of the vital Black River, gateway to Southern Vietnam.

One year ago, the French openly admitted that they were fighting a losing war. Faced with an enemy superior in numbers and equipment—supplies from Red China were used—the French and Vietnamese forces were being forced back step by step before the hordes of the Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh.

The picture has changed radically since those bitter days. And unless Red China commits her manpower to Vietnam after a Korean settlement, 1952 looks like a showdown year.

One reason is General Jean de Latre de Tassigny, commandant of the French-Vietnamese forces in the United States (No. 24, 1st), the Transit Authority tried a new "laugh a day" campaign with jokes printed on the backs of the tickets. Sample: "Boss: Going anywhere for dinner tonight? Secretary: No, sir. Boss: Well, you'll be pretty hungry tomorrow morning then. Drivers: asked to report on the success of these quips, said: "The people seemed to feel worse after they'd read the jokes."

Passengers Felt Worse

New York, Dec. 19.

In Chicago, where they have the highest tram and bus fares in the United States (No. 24, 1st), the Transit Authority tried a new "laugh a day" campaign with jokes printed on the backs of the tickets. Sample: "Boss: Going anywhere for dinner tonight? Secretary: No, sir. Boss: Well, you'll be pretty hungry tomorrow morning then. Drivers: asked to report on the success of these quips, said: "The people seemed to feel worse after they'd read the jokes."

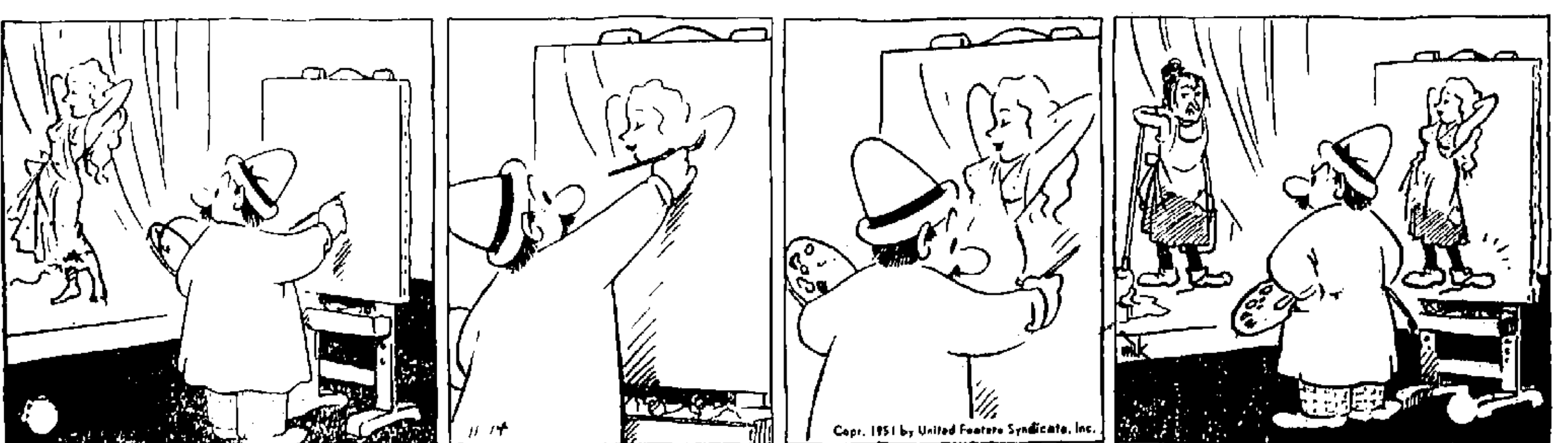
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"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Manila, Yokohama & Kobe
"MEINAM"	Feb. 9	Feb. 15	Saigon <u>Homeward For</u>
"BASTIA"	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Jan. 11	Jan. 13	Marseilles via Manila & Saigon
"BIR HAKIM"	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	N. Africa & Europe
"MORTAIN"	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	N. Africa & Europe
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Senators Predict Reductions In Foreign Aid Funds

Washington, Dec. 19.

Two Senate Appropriations Committee members predicted today that Congress will cut down on foreign aid spending next year.

President Truman is reported to have been urged by some of his advisers to seek more than the \$8,500,000,000 in international assistance funds he requested in the last budget. Congress actually voted only \$7,483,000,000.

Senator Guy C. (Oregon) Republican, said a report he believed "expedient" abroad and will be cut below initial appropriations for 1951.

We have got to continue to put up the money necessary to keep the Western European defence programme going," he said, "but there is no room for purely economic aid to those nations."

Senator Harley M. Kilgore (West Virginia Democrat) said in a separate interview that he favours increasing the amount of economic aid in some cases, but added he does not believe Congress will approve as big an overall outlay as was voted for the current fiscal year ending June 30.

Recently Administration officials have indicated they hope to put more emphasis on efforts to build up Western Europe's defence production capacity, so that more military items could be turned out there instead of being built in the United States.

Mr. Kilgore would support such a move, but he thinks that is regarded as purely economic aid would strengthen some countries even more than direct military aid.

MUCH CRITICISM

As an example, Mr. Kilgore said that money spent helping Spain develop water power resources would cut that country's imports of coal, strengthen it economically and leave that much more coal available for members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Spain is not a NATO member. The two Senators' predictions of foreign aid fund reductions apparently echo a general note of disappointment on the part of lawmakers who have visited Europe with the progress of the Western defence programme.

Most returning senators and House members have expressed criticism of what they have called a lag on the part of some nations in efforts to erect their own defences. The legislators have made it plain that unless there is a marked change in this attitude, their inclination will be to cut, rather than increase, American contributions.

Any effort to cut down on foreign aid spending—always less popular than domestic military outlays—will be without the vigorous services of the late Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska, the GOP floor leader.

Mr. Wherry consistently supported efforts to trim foreign spending.

Senator Stettin (Nebraska Republican), taking Mr. Wherry's lead, told a reporter he will vote for any reasonable foreign aid programme. Mr. Wherry's leadership job will be filled by a vote of all Republican senators early next month.

"I don't want us to be throwing hundreds of billions around all over the world, but I believe that we must give enough help to friendly and co-operative nations abroad so that reasonable defences can be built against a possible Russian move," Mr. Stettin said.—Associated Press.

WHEAT FOR JORDAN

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States agreed yesterday to ship 9,000 tons of wheat to Hashimite Jordan to help meet a serious food shortage in the Middle East country.

The United States will pay for the cost of the wheat and shipping, about \$1,400,000. The money will come from the \$1,300,000,000 "Foreign Aid Program" approved by Congress.—Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 19.—Copper was quoted today at \$107.00 a pound. Per ounce, it was quoted at 11 1/2 cents a pound nominal.—United Press.

Jobs, Pounds, Dollars At Stake In Jungle War

WHAT MALAYA MEANS TO GREAT BRITAIN

Singapore, Dec. 18.

There is so much at stake in Malaya that every British home would feel the pinch sooner or later if Mr. Lyttelton's mission should fail—which is unthinkable.

Because failure to crush, quickly and finally, the comparatively small band of alien Chinese guerrillas, wrongly calling themselves "The People's Liberation Army," could encourage a Communist Power like Red China to join in the struggle once it feels strong enough, and make Malaya into an international battlefield.

Corn Only Bright Spot In Grains

Chicago, Dec. 19.

The weather provided inspiration for buying in corn on the Board of Trade today, and soybeans went along with a slight advance in the yellow grain but the rest of the market was rather weak, particularly toward the close.

More snow and cold were on the way for the mid-West. And traders interpreted it as meaning more feeding of livestock on farms. Oats, however, were not able to rise with corn, partly because more Canadian oats arrived here.

Wheat was erratic. The 1952 crop winter wheat contracts were quiet, easy and low, but close selling spread to the nearby delivery, also. An agricultural Department report on 1952 wheat was expected after the close.

What closed 3 1/2 to 1 3/4 lower. Corn was 3/4 lower to 1/2 higher. Oats were 3/4 lower to 3/8 higher. Rye was 3/4 to 2 cents lower. Soybeans were 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher.

Wheat
December \$2.99 1/2
March \$2.61 1/2
May \$2.58 1/2
July \$2.49 1/2
September \$2.50 1/2
Soybeans
January \$3.01 1/2
March \$3.00 1/2
May \$2.98 1/2
July \$2.97 1/2
September \$2.96 1/2

Salvage Plan Deadlocked

Manila, Dec. 19.

A conference called by the Secretary of Commerce, Cornelio T. Balmaceda, to adopt a procedure for the salvage of sunken vessels in Philippine waters was deadlocked on whether to (1) Employ Japanese technicians and labourers whose services shall be secured under government arrangement of credit to be applied to the reparations claim of the Philippines against Japan, and (2) Submit salvage work to public bidding under terms and conditions most advantageous to the Philippine Government.

Under the second plan Philippine waters would be divided into eight zones each covered by a separate bidder. The Government secured jurisdiction over these sunken vessels when the Philippine Alien Property Administration transferred its rights over them.—France-Press.

BONDS IN U.S. UNSETTLED

New York, Dec. 19.

Government bonds dropped to new yearly lows today, apparently unsettled by an increase in interest rates on commercial loans.

Losses of up to half a point were taken by the list generally. Some issues closed up about 2/32 from the day's lows.

Corporate bonds were irregularly lower in the heaviest trading in nearly two weeks. Changes for the most part were narrow. Japanese loans were mixed in the foreign dollar section.—Associated Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Dec. 19.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed unchanged to 2 higher. Sales 40 contracts.

World sugar futures No. 4 closed 1 to 4 higher. Sales 59 contracts.

Raw sugar spot 5.70.—Associated Press.

TEXTILE MARKET

New York, Dec. 19.

The Worth Street textile market was quiet today. There were only scattered sales of print cloth and sheeting mostly for prompt delivery.

In wool goods, a little better interest in woolen types of cloth was the only feature. Rayon goods were dull.—Associated Press.

Bank Quotations

New York, Dec. 19.

Bank closing quotations
Bank of America 2 1/2
Chase National Bank 2 1/2
National City Bank 2 1/2
—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

There was still a good volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning, share-changing hands being valued at \$657,161.50. Noon rates and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	1610	1623	46	1623
HSBC	134			
East Asia				
INDUSTRIALS				
Union	77 1/2			
Underwriters	5 5/8	5 1/4	1500	5 3/8
HK. P.	145		200	150
SHIPPING				
Asia Nav.	1 1/2	1 1/2		
DOCKERS, ETC.				
R. Wharf	100 1/2	102		
N. P. Wharf	17 1/2	17 1/2	500	17 1/2
Dock	13 3/4	13 3/4	500	13 3/4
Wheelock	34 1/2		500	34 1/2
LAND, ETC.				
HK. Hotel	56 1/2	56 1/2	500	56 1/2
Shai Land	1 1/4			
Bumfries	14 1/2	14 1/2	500	14 1/2
UTILITIES				
Tram	16 1/2	16 1/2	400	16 1/2
Tram (C)	22			
Sai. Ferry	113 1/2	113 1/2	445	113 1/2
C. Light	8 1/2	8 1/2	1100	8 1/2
(C) X.D.				
C. Light	6 1/4			
(N) X.D.	23 1/2	23 1/2	300	23 1/2
Electric	23 1/2	23 1/2	100	23 1/2
Dec. (Bonus)	12 1/2			
INDUSTRIALS				
Cement	16 1/2	16 1/2	500	16 1/2
Steel	22 1/2			
STORES, ETC.				
Dairy	19 1/4			
Walton	26 1/2	27 1/2	200	26 1/2
			1500	27

Widespread Losses In London

London, Dec. 19.

British Government bonds weakened and small losses among overseas stocks as the London Stock Exchange today minus signs among the Government issues were limited in most cases to 1/4 of a point.

Oil and mining stocks were full in quiet trading.

Japanese bonds "A" (4s. of 1899) 6 1/2 "B" (4s. of 1910) 5 1/2 "C" (5s. of 1907) 10 1/4 "D" (5s. of 1934) 11 1/4 "E" (5s. of 1934) 11 1/4

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 19.

Buying enthusiasm for a few issues buoyed the stock market today. Trading was at the best, pace in nearly two weeks.

Gains running to between 1 and 2 points were common a one time but in late trading most of these advances were cut back to major fractions.

Volume came to an estimated 1,500,000 shares as compared with 1,280,000 shares traded on Tuesday.

The more attractive stocks with the best gains were concentrated in oils, steels, motors, rubbers and rails with a number of miscellaneous manufacturers joining in.

Dow Jones averages:
Industrials 267.61
Rails 82.52
Utilities 46.88
—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Dec. 19.

Prices of tin were steady this morning. Turnover was 70 tons, including 15 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 930
Spot tin, sellers 932 1/2
Business done at 932 1/2
Three-month tin, buyers 925
Three-month tin, sellers 925 1/2
Business done at 925 1/2
—United Press.

ORDERS FOR UK

Lithium, Dec. 19.

A Pakistan buying delegation has placed orders in Britain for £4,000,000 worth of jute mill machinery and £300,000 worth of paper-making plant. Delivery is to start in a year's time.

The delegation, headed by Gulam Faruqi, Chairman of the Pakistan Jute Board, left London by air last night for Karachi.—Reuters.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS

To	Ship	Day	Time
Singapore, Java & Makassar	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 22nd	10.00
Singapore, Djakarta, Belawan, Deli & Penang	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 24th	10.00
Djakarta, Tjeban, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 26th	10.00
Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 28th	10.00
STADEN VOYAGE			
To Singapore, Java & Makassar	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 30th	10.00
Japan, Penang	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 1st	10.00
Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Deli	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 3rd	10.00
Japan	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 5th	10.00
Gamb. Penang	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 7th	10.00
Singapore, Java & Makassar	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 9th	10.00
Singapore, Java & Makassar	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 11th	10.00
Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 13th	10.00
Singapore, Java & Makassar	"TANJUNG"	Jan. 15th	10.00

ARRIVALS

From	Ship	Day	Time
Cebu & Singapore	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 20th	10.00
Makassar, Java, Penang & Singapore	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 22nd	10.00
Japan	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 24th	10.00
D. Deli, Djakarta & Singapore	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 26th	10.00
Makassar, Java & Singapore	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 28th	10.00
S. America, Africa, Singapore & Manila	"TANJUNG"	Dec. 30th	10.00

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Ship	Day	Time
"AAGTERKERK"	Jan. 1st	10.00
"OVERIJSEL"	Feb. 1st	10.00
"HOOGKERK"	Mar. 1st	10.00
"AREDSKERK"	Apr. 1st	10.00
"RIJDERIK"	May 1st	10.00

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M.S. "OLGA MAERSK"	Jan. 6
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All passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, Canton Road Entrance by NOON on Wednesday the 19th December.

With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must Pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

Will take place on Thursday the 20th DECEMBER between 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Higher Prices For Cars

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Government said today that Ford, Studebaker, Hudson and Kaiser-Fraser automobile makers have applied for higher ceiling prices.

The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) said the increases asked on autos range at the factory level, from 4.27 per cent on Mercury models to 28.48 per cent on Henry J. models made by Kaiser-Fraser.

The new prices cannot be put into effect until OPS has reviewed and formally approved the applications.—Associated Press.

Japanese Tea Popular

New York, Dec. 19.

Japanese tea is gaining in popularity in the United States. The Jontex Tea Company here is expediting orders for two types of tea from Japan for individual delivery to its customers. Sencha and Hojicha teas, packed in lacquered canisters encased in woven steel, cottonliners and wrapped in Japanese newspapers, are promised for delivery within five weeks.—Associated Press.

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CHINA MAIL

Refreshment is a good idea

Page 10 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1951.

HK's "Isle Of Happy Healing"

**SUE DAWSON
PAYS A VISIT TO NEW
LEPER COLONY**

It took just an hour for the "Spirit of Healing" travelling over the waters" to reach its destination. That is a literal translation of the words "Ling Hong" with which the boat acting as a ferry to what used to be Nun Island, has recently been christened. Its destination is now known as "Isle of Happy Healing," for that is the purpose of the island which by the end of the coming year will be a home to 500 lepers.

The island was acquired by the Mission to Lepers, HK Auxiliary, on August 7, and on that very day 27 of the most able patients moved there to found the colony. There the emigrants set up house in two thatched huts their predecessors had left, and two more were hastily put up.

The fact that it rained solidly for the first two weeks after their arrival did not stop them from getting on with the building of a more permanent structure, and with the help of a contractor and three "healthy" gardeners who set to on the land and soon produced all kinds of vegetables they were soon well established.

In four and a half months the progress has been amazing. One arrives at a little jetty, and there just above the beach in a sheltered cove is seen a long, attractive building with a large moon gate in the centre. Another building is going up close by on some foundations left from a previous village, and to the left, on a hill overlooking the beach is a little house for the supervisors.

BUILD RESERVOIRS
Sixty-two lepers are there at the moment, and they have built one reservoir to hold 6,000 gallons, another as a reserve holding 400 gallons and a smaller one for the "Healthy" staff.

Sgt-Major Davis conducted an inspection over the path which the patients were building to his directions, and which heads over the hills to a site where a whole village will eventually grow.

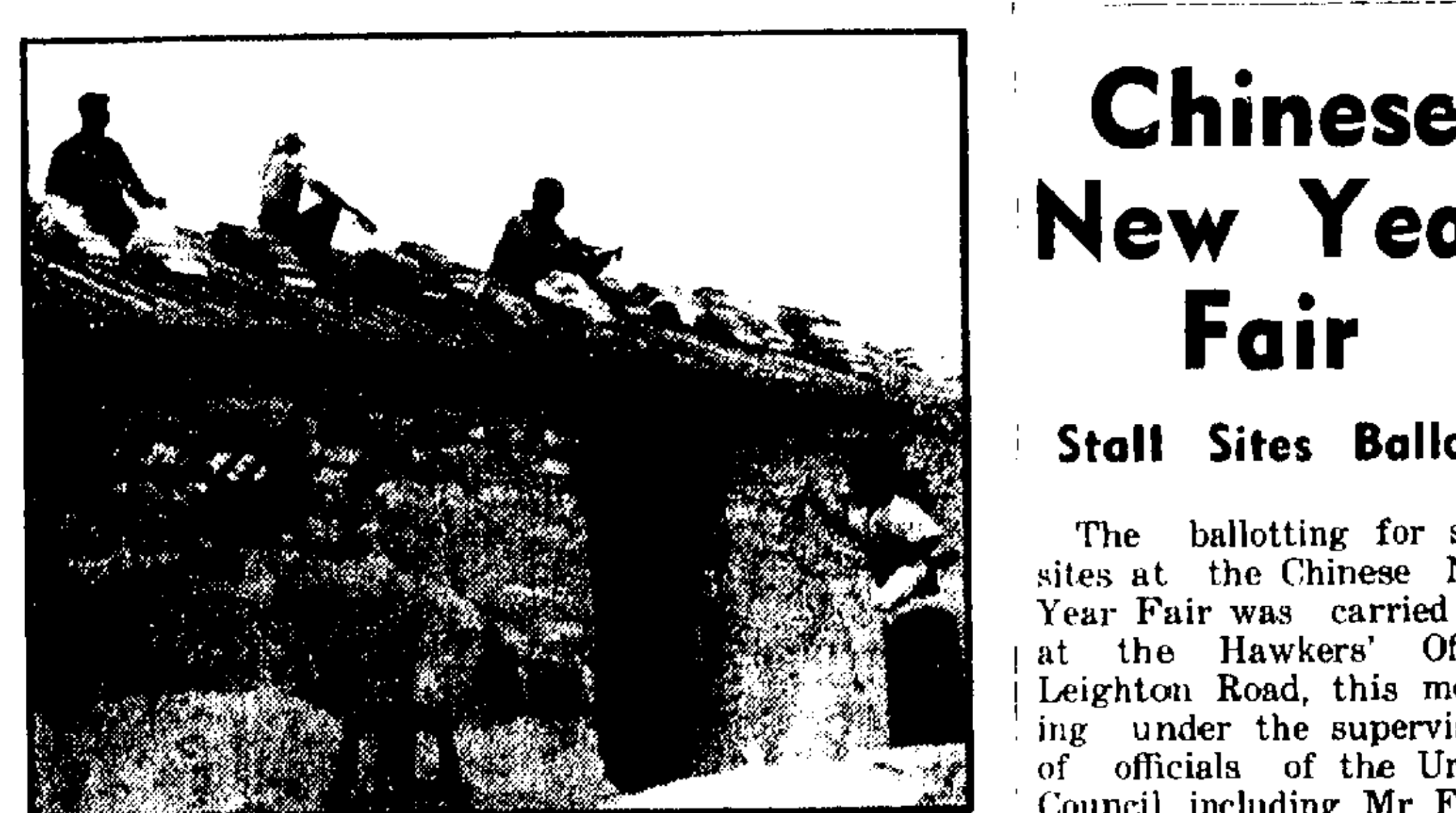
There are springs enough to feed a thousand inhabitants with unrestricted running water. But as Sgt-Major Davis explained, the problem is bringing the water from one end of the island, which is most unsuitable for building, to the valley nestled between the hills where the village is to be built, and further to the beach where the first buildings have gone up.

This is where the Sgt-Major, some of his stalwart Royal Engineers and other army volunteers are doing magnificent work over weekends and on high days and holidays by going to the island, laying pipes and directing where the road shall be cut.

As we stood on a hill overlooking the valley where a party of lepers were clearing the sites for the new cottages, Dr Fraser of the Mission to Lepers, pointed to a neat pile of grey stone scattered about on the opposite hillside and which looked like little flocks of sheep from where we were standing. Forty thousand hunks of stone had been excavated at 26 cents a block, to build the new hospital and cottages, but the contractors had then said that they wanted higher rates of pay as the stone was difficult to work. This was not forthcoming, so they left.

HISTORIC GROUND
While making a clearing in the valley for the site of this new village, some ancient ruins were found. There must at one time have been quite a large community inhabiting the island, and although the date is uncertain, axe heads have been found in the surrounding hills which a local collector has confirmed to be between two and three thousand years old! So it is historic ground that the new cottages will be occupying.

Another twenty lepers from Sandy Bay are being sent over shortly. There will then be about 200 in the old huts on



Top picture shows some of the buildings already constructed at the new leper colony, while above some of the patients are seen busily erecting another building. — Staff Photographer.

Home For Lepers

Chinese New Year Fair

Stall Sites Ballot

The balloting for stall sites at the Chinese New Year Fair was carried out at the Hawkers' Office, Leighton Road, this morning under the supervision of officials of the Urban Council including Mr Fung Ping-fan and Mr W. E. Collard, assistant Secretary of the Council.

Mrs K. M. A. Barnett, wife of the Chairman of the Urban Council was in charge of the draw.

The site for the Fair on Hongkong side will be along Gloucester Road, starting from Fenwick Street and ending at Fleming Road, and along Luard Road and O'Brien Road starting from Lockhart Road towards the Praya.

In Kowloon the stalls will be erected along Shan Tung Street from Sai Yung Choi Street to Yim Po Fong Street, along Tung Choi Street from Nelson Street to Soy Street, and in Sai Yee Street from Shan Tung Street to Nelson Street. Other stalls will be in Nelson Street from Sai Yee Street to Yim Po Fong Street and in Yim Po Fong Street from Nelson Street to Shan Tung Street.

The total number of stalls will be 750, including 400 in Hongkong.

Majority of these stalls will be offering fresh flowers, gold fish and rock plants, — 231 in Kowloon and 214 in Hongkong.

For Chinese confectionery there will be 64 stalls in Hongkong, and 11 in Kowloon, and 50 stalls for curios and crockery on the island and 13 in Kowloon.

Other stalls will deal in artificial flowers, paper decorations, dried meat, haberdashery, sandal wood, pictures, candelars, toys, stationery, ice cream and aerated waters.

The fair will be closed on the evening of January 28.

During the draw this morning, over a thousand applicants gathered in the rain in the compound of the Hawkers' Office to watch the draw. A total of 1,887 applications were received for the 750 sites available.

Persian Activity At Abadan

Teheran, Dec. 19.
Persia's National Oil Company has completed a lubricating oil production plant at Abadan, which it seized from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and will start production soon, according to newspaper reports. Output will be 20,000 litres a day, the reports said.

Persia needs 10,000 tons of lubricating oil a year, which the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company used to import.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION:
London Herald Service.

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False Passport Statement

Following his release from the Stanley Prison where he had served a sentence for a similar offence, Tang Cheung, 57-year-old proprietor of the Kui On Kee Scaffolding shop, was sentenced to one year and additionally fined \$1,000 or six months by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning for making an untrue statement in assisting another person to procure a passport.

Fung Yuet-hing, 59-year-old Mining Department manager of the Yao Dah Trading Company, of 135, Connaught Road Central, was also sentenced to one year and fined \$1,000 or six months for committing the same offence.

Both defendants pleaded guilty.

Prosecuting against Tang Cheung, Det-Insp. P. Lowe of the Commercial Crime Branch told the Court that defendant acted as guarantor of a Chinese known to him as Li U-lim, who applied for a passport to proceed to the United Kingdom.

When enquiries were made by Police into the case the applicant admitted that he was not Li U-lim but Li Wai-ng.

Insp. Lowe said defendant in this case was serving sentence for a similar offence when he obtained enough money to pay the fine. However, he was re-arrested on December 18 in connection with the present case. He admitted that he did not know Li U-lim personally but was introduced by a Portuguese friend, and he received \$40 for signing the document as guarantor.

Defendant also admitted that he had been involved in three other cases of similar nature which the Prosecution produced before Court for consideration saying that passports had been issued in those instances and the applicants had apparently left the Colony. Accused told the Police that he received sums of \$40 to \$50 in each case.

FOUR OFFENCES

Referring to the case against Fung, Insp. Lowe said defendant was arrested yesterday and he admitted he was involved in four different cases.

A passport had been issued to a Chinese named Leung Ting-chong for whom he acted as guarantor. In his statement as guarantor, he declared that he had known the parents of the applicant for 35 years and was present at the birthday party of the applicant. All of this was false.

He admitted he also acted in a similar capacity in three other cases in all of which passports had been issued. He told the Police that his wife was sick and he was in need of money to meet the medical expenses. He said he was approached by a Portuguese and was told that what he was doing was not against the law.

Defendant also admitted that he received between \$30 and \$40 in each case.

Gas Threat To Villages

Pau, Dec. 19.
Air, rail and road transport in and around the oil town of Lacq, near here, was stopped by police to-night as a vast cloud of escaping oil gas, pinned to ground level by fog, began to creep down the hills and into the Pyrenean villages.

A police warning said that the slightest spark could provoke a terrible explosion.

A derrick of a large oil pit broke in two this morning and oil gas spurted free with pressure. Pit workers will toll all tonight to stop the flow and hope that immediate danger would be averted at dawn when the fog and the gas are expected to rise. The clamp-down on transport out of Pau from Bayonne and Spain.—Reuter.

Gunner's 3 Traffic Offences

Pleading guilty to three counts of breaking Traffic Regulations and for causing damage to private property, Norman Waite, 23, a gunner of the 25th Field Regiment, Whitefield Barracks, was fined \$100 by Mr J. Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

Defendant was charged with failing to report an accident, driving without a licence and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent.

Sub-Insp. Wheeler told the Court that at 9.30 p.m. on December 14, a military truck No. 47R66, proceeding along Nathan Road towards Star ferry crashed into the back of a stationary bus. After the accident the driver drove away. The number of the lorry was taken down by the bus driver who reported to the Police.

Enquiries later revealed that defendant was the driver of the truck at the time of the accident and that he had no permission to drive the vehicle nor had he a licence to drive.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$35 damage to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company.

Had Dutiable Tobacco

A fine of \$400 was imposed on Li Mak, 40, by Mr R.W.S. Winter at Kowloon this morning for possession of 84 pounds of dutiable Chinese tobacco.

The duty for the tobacco was said to be \$252.

Defendant was arrested on board a sampan in the Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter yesterday afternoon with the tobacco in his possession.

TRESPASSED ON GOVT PROPERTY

A Shanghai man, Koo Nal-fong, was fined \$150 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning for trespassing on Government property at Kai Tak.

Defendant was told by a Revenue Inspector to leave the Custom-controlled area at Kai Tak airport yesterday morning. He returned again in the afternoon and was arrested.

FIGHTING ENGINEER Causes Trouble At Ferry Wharf

A. R. Hayes, 26, engineer of motor vessel Somali, was fined \$160 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning for being drunk and disorderly, causing bodily harm to Ho Man-pak, a ferry inspector, and assaulting a Police officer.

Insp. Jones said at 6 p.m. yesterday, defendant entered the Jordan Road Ferry Wharf without paying his fare. He was told to leave by the inspector, but he refused and struck Ho on the face. A traffic supervisor of the Ferry Company, Mr W. A. Tolmer went to intervene but was also assaulted.

Two Police constables in the vicinity arrested defendant. On the way to Police Station defendant also assaulted the constables and created a commotion.

Defendant was sent to Kowloon Hospital for examination and was found to be under the influence of alcohol.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$40 compensation to the ferry inspector.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 0.02, "It's Swing Time"; 6.30, London Studio Melodies (BBC); 7.00, The World News and News Analysis with Julia Shelley (Soprano) and Dick James (Tenor); 7.00, Time Signal; 7.30, The Demi-Hour; 8.00, The Studio Concert, Dorothy Simpson (Soprano) and John Small (Baritone) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Brown; Christmas Carol; 8.30, "Ray's a Laugh"; 9.00, "The Merry Go Round"; 9.00, "Sport Review" by Bill Phillips (Studio); 9.15, Thursday Serenade; A Programme of continuous music arranged by Betty Brown; 9.30, "In My Library" (BBC); 10.00, Ring up the Curfew (BBC); "The Song of Women" by Offenbach; BBC Singers, Chorus & Orchestra; 11.00, Radio News (Revised); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Weather Report; 11.45, The King; 11.50, Close Down.

Living Language

Why we say Candidus.
The Latin "candidus" means white and the word "candidate" came about because Romans seeking election to public office used to attire themselves in white togas, perhaps to symbolise the purity of their character. The word "candid," meaning open and frank, has the same origin.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office registered parcels and parcels close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20	
By Air	Indo-China, 5 p.m.; Air France, 5 p.m.; Siam, 5 p.m.; Indonesia, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.
By Surface	Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing; India, 2 p.m.; ss E. Sang; Japan, 2 p.m.; ss Taiyewand; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
By Air	Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m.; U.S.A., 8 a.m.; C.A.T. Formosa, 10 a.m.; C.A.T. Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m.; H.K. Airways; N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; Q.E.A. Malaysia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m.; B.O.A. Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m.; P.O.A.S. Siam, 5 p.m.; P.O.A.S.
By Surface	Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing; China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; train via Canton; Philippines, 9 a.m.; ss Agapang; Japan, 2 p.m.; ss Sirdhana; SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
By Air	Siam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, (via Bangkok), Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m.; via B.O.A.; U.S.A., 5 p.m.; P.A.A. Formosa, 3 p.m.; C.A.T. Japan, 2 p.m.; Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m.; Air France; Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing; China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; 5 p.m.; train via Canton; Formosa, 9 a.m.; ss Shengking; U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, 1 p.m.; ss Trade Wind; Malaysia, Burma, India, 2 p.m.; ss Sango; Japan, 2 p.m.; ss Hermelin; Indonesia, 5 p.m.; ss Tilwang; SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
By Air	Formosa, 5 p.m.; via H.K. Airways; Macao, 1 p.m.; ss Tai Loy; MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
By Air	Japan, 5 p.m.; via B.O.A.; Formosa, 3 p.m.; C.A.T. Canada, 5 p.m.; U.S.A., U.S.A., 5 p.m.; C.P.A. Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; Indo-China, 5 p.m.; C.E.A.
By Surface	Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing; China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; train via Canton; Indo-China, 9 a.m.; ss Grote Maersk; Malaysia, 9 a.m.; ss Sunnyville.

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